Misrepresentation on Imports by Homoeopathic Dealers

2954. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Port authorities under his Ministry have received complaints of misrepresentation for monetary gain for import of Lactose by Homoeopathic Dealers during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by the custom authorities in this respect;

(c) the amount collected as additional custom duties and penalties; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. During last three years, two cases of misdeclaration in the import of Lactose for monetary gain by Homoeopathic Dealers have been reported.

(b) and (c) In one case, in cochin Customs House, a consignment with a CIF value of Rs. 2.19 lakhs was found to be undervalued. the matter has already been adjudicated by Customs authorities, enhancing the value to Rs. 3.24 lakhs, imposing a fine of Rs. 25,000 and penalty of Rs. 10,000. The importer did not clear the goods which were, therefore, auctioned for Rs. 4.98 lakhs. The importer has paid the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000.

In the second case, at Bombay Customs House, the importer misdeclared a consignment with CIF value of Rs. 1.15 lakhs. A Show Cause Notice has already been issued to the importers and the case in under adjudication.

(d) Whenever instances of misdeclaration are noticed, appropriate action is taken under the Customs Act, 1962.

Misuse of Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate

2955. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have received reports of misuse of a scheme called the Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate to encourage exports;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has unearthed a big fraud case involving a Delhi based business group evading duty of a huge amount under the scheme; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is investigating into the alleged misuse of the Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate Scheme by some firms which are controlled by a Delhi based business group with regard to duty free import of zinc ingots. The investigations are still in progress.

Raids Conducted on Officials of Indian Revenue Service

2956. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 123 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the number of raids that have been conducted against officers belonging to Indian Revenue Service, to unearth black money during the last two years upto 15th February, 1992; and

(b) what action has been taken against such officers?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No raids have been conducted by the Department against officers of Indian Revenue Service to unearth balck money in the last two years.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

निर्यात-आयात शुल्क में कटौती

2957. श्री राम जेठमलानी:
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:

क्या **वित्त मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 फरवरी, 1992 के इकोनोमिक टाइम्स में "एफ०आई०सी०सी० अर्जिज गवर्नमेंट टू रिलेक्स इम्पोर्ट ड्यूटी" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि निर्यात-आयात शुल्क की मौजूदा दरों में वृद्धि होने के कारण भारतीय वस्तुओं की विदेशी बाजारों में अधिक लागत आती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो विभिन्न वस्तुओं पर आयात-निर्यात शुल्क की अधिकतम दर क्या है;